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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number		10/666,561
Confirmation Number		5533
Filing Date		September 22, 2003
First Named Inventor		Mikiko HIRATA
Group Art Unit		2111
Examiner Name		Justin KING
Matter Number		Q77600
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| Title | STATUS NOTIFICATION PROGRAM This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. \(\overline{\Omega} \) Previously submitted Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 20, 2006 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____ ii. 🗆 iii. 🗆 Other b. \(\overline{\pi} \) Enclosed i. □ Amendment/Reply ii. 🗆 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) iii. 🗆 Petition for Extension of Time iv. 🗹 v.

Other 2. MISCELLANEOUS Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months b. □ Other 3. FEES A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$790.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached. **CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS** Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below: WASHINGTON OFFICE 05/22/2006 SZEWDIE1 00000006 10666561 23373 CUSTOMER NUMBER 798.00 OP 01 FC:1801 SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY Registration No. 52,432 Date May 19, 2006 Signature